



October 5, 2020

The cooler weather has been a welcome relief from the recent heat of summer. However, keep in mind that hurricane season extends through November and watch for potential weather changes in the news forecasts. Please watch for the possible approach of Tropical Storm Delta later this week. Our area is currently just outside of the projected affected area.

The deadline has been extended for completing the 2020 U.S. Census forms. If you have not yet completed your Census forms, please complete and turn those in so we can have the City's population properly counted. If you have not submitted your information, you can submit online at <https://my2020census.gov/>.

There are increasing signs of activity beginning to return to normal, especially including the return of students to school. We encourage everyone involved to continue to do so as safely as possible, including taking appropriate steps such as wearing of face masks and usage of hand sanitizer. Please continue to take appropriate precautions and act with care as you move about the community. Governor Greg Abbott recently update his orders related to the COVID-19 pandemic restrictions. In his office's most recent update, Texas Governor Greg Abbott's Executive Order requires individuals 10 and over to wear masks in public buildings and when socializing outdoors with others not in their household. Please refer to the Governor's Executive Order GA-29 for specific details. As always, we recommend that everyone follow common sense steps in their precautions.

1. Wash your hands frequently and do it properly,
2. Use hand sanitizer when in areas where hand washing not an option,
3. Use social distancing in public spaces and do not gather in large groups,
4. Wearing face masks when out in public does reduce the spread of the virus,
5. Stay home when sick, unless you are seeking medical attention.

Restaurants and other businesses are open across Montgomery. Some of these may have changed their ways of doing business in response to the ongoing pandemic, but they are still hard at work to assist and serve their customers. Please consider keeping your shopping local when possible to help support our local businesses.

The City of Montgomery is continuing to monitor the developing situation of the novel Coronavirus 2019, also known as COVID-19, as we go forward. As reported by the Montgomery County Public Health Department, there have been 11,444 total positive cases of the virus reported in Montgomery County in total, which includes 1,630 active cases (13 of which are known to be hospitalized), 141 deaths and 7,684 recovered. We will continue to monitor the case counts as we move forward.

City Hall is open to the public for business during our normal weekday hours of 8:00 am – 5:00 pm, for such items as applying for City building permits and paying water bills/court fines. A payment drop box is available for payments outside the front door of City Hall. We are limiting the number of people in the lobby at this time. Due to the Governor's Executive Order members of the public will need to wear masks when in the lobby area of City Hall. City staff will wear masks in direct meetings with the public. For those who would prefer to not come to City Hall, we will also continue to conduct business through telephone and email communication.

- Municipal Court 936-597-4267
- Utility Bills/City Parks/Permits 936-597-3304
- Police Non-Emergency 936-760-5800

The Fernland Historical Park office is open with the docents available for guests. The number of guests allowed in the building may be limited to allow for safe social distancing. In accordance with the Governor's Executive Order GA-29 members of the public and staff will need to wear masks covering their mouth and nose while in the buildings or receiving a tour of the Fernland grounds.

The City playground areas of the parks remain open for City residents. We ask, as always, that parents properly supervise their children during their use of the park playground equipment. We also ask that all people using the parks and playground areas use appropriate social distancing measures and keep in mind that these areas are not sanitized.

This is an ongoing situation and the City is aware that it may become necessary to adjust its operations in response to the needs of its citizens and directives from relevant state or county health authorities. City staff will be diligently assessing risks and implementing any needed modifications to our plans as the situation continues to develop. If you have any questions regarding specific City services, please contact City Hall at 936-597-6434 or email [rtramm@ci.montgomery.tx.us](mailto:rtramm@ci.montgomery.tx.us). Important notices and continuing updates from the City will be posted on the City of Montgomery website at: <https://www.montgomerytexas.gov/ru/page/coronavirus-update>. We also have links on this page for you to see appropriate orders and information from other agencies.

Sincerely,

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